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FOR EAP WIDEMANN FROM CHARGE HALLFORD

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. KENT, I RECEIVED YOUR OI REGARDING THE POLICY LINE REVISION THIS MORNING JUST IN TIME TO BRIEF KISSINGER AND HIS DELEGATION AND CONVEY THE REQUEST THAT THEY RAISE HARRY WU AND CHEN ZIMING WITH THEIR HOSTS. HAK WAS ALREADY BRIEFED ON BOTH ISSUES. I HOPE TO GET A READOUT FROM HAK AFTER HIS MEETINGS. AFTER THE DELEGATION DEPARTS ON JULY 5, HE WILL STAY AROUND A COUPLE OF DAYS ON BUSINESS.

3. I ALSO USED THE POINTS IN DISCUSSION WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER JIANG ENZHU, THE RANKING GOVERNMENT GUEST AT TODAY'S OFFICIAL JULY 4 RECEPTION. JIANG,
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WHO IS SUBSTITUTING FOR LI ZHAOXING, DOES NOT NORMALLY HANDLE OUR PORTFOLIO AND WAS NOT PREPARED TO DEPART FROM HIS (NARROW) BRIEF. HE RESPONDED TO MY POINTS ABOUT WU AND CHEN BY SIMPLY NOTING BOTH CASES WERE BEING HANDLED BY THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES. HE

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WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON THE CASES. OTHER THAN TO DENY THAT CHEN'S RE-DETENTION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH U.S. RELATIONS.

4. ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE POLICY LINE -- OUR INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS, THE OBVIOUS INTEREST OF THE CHINESE AS WELL IN A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP, AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR THEM TO ENGAGE IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS -- JIANG HELD TO THEIR NOW STANDARD LINE THAT WE HAD DAMAGED THE RELATIONSHIP AND IT WAS INCUMBENT ON US TO MOVE FIRST. I ARGUED THAT WE HAD NOT CHANGED OUR ONE CHINA POLICY IN THE SLIGHTEST, THAT THE TACTICAL ADJUSTMENTS HAD BEEN MADE, IN FACT, IN ORDER FOR US TO MAINTAIN THIS POLICY, ETC. JIANG, ALTHOUGH HE WAS THE RANKING CHINESE OFFICIAL, IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE INTERLOCUTOR ON THESE ISSUES. WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON OTHER CONVERSATIONS. HALLFORD

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